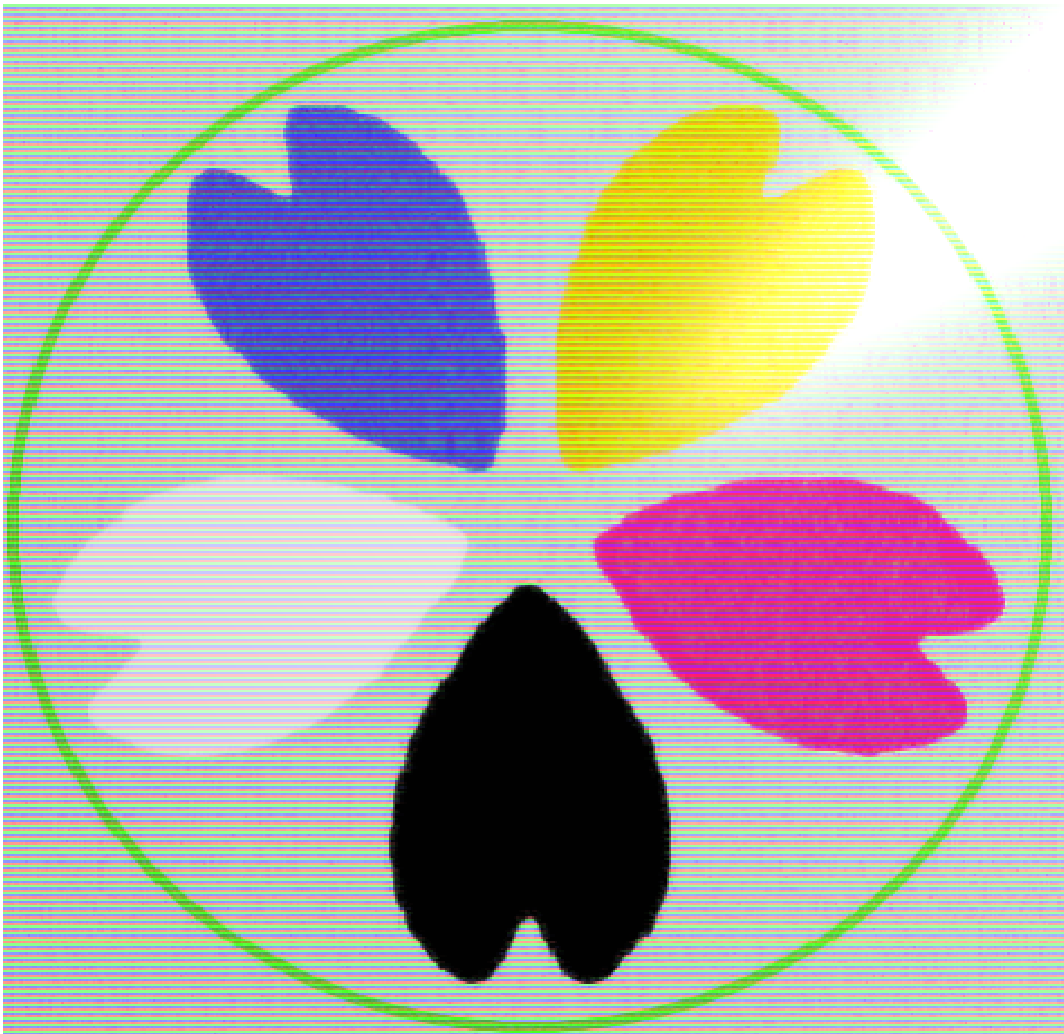


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1. YABAI/やばい (i Adj.)

Definition: dangerous, crap, awesome, great, tasty...

Yabai originally means “dangerous,” but now we also use it in a positive sense like in expressing something great. Basically, Yabai is used as it is(①,③), or with subject(②, ④).

[EXAMPLE] Bad Sense

①

A: やばっ!! しゃくだい わすれた!!

Yabba!! Syukudai wasureta!!

(Oh crap! I forgot my homework!)

B: え、それやばくない?

E, sore yabakunai?

(Isn't it dangerous?)

*sore: it, that (noun)

*syukudai: homework (noun)

*wasureru: forget (verb)

②

A: おごって!!

Ogotte!!

(Treat me!)

B: おかね やばい から むり。。

Okane yabai kara muri...

(I've got no money so I can't.)

*ogoru: treat (verb)

*i adj. + kara: because it is adj., SENTENCE.

NOTE: In example②, “yabai” is used in connection with “okane”, which means “money.” “Okane yabai” implies that you lack money, or have no money at all. In this context, yabai is used to express the extraordinary condition of a subject.

[EXAMPLE] Positive Sense

③

やっばい! この さいふ ちょー かわいい!

Yabbai! Kono saifu cho kawaii!

Awesome! This wallet is super pretty!

*saifu: wallet (noun)

*cho: extremely (adv)

*kawaii: pretty (adj)

④

あのひと やばい! めっちゃ ばすけ うまい!

Ano hito yabai! Meccha basuke umai!

That person is super cool! He is awesome at playing basketball!

*ano: that (noun)

*hito: person (noun)

*meccha: very (adv)

*obj + umai: good at doing obj. (na adj)

⇒obj. meccha umai/ meccha obj. umai: awesome at doing obj.

KEY

1. YABAI (interjection)
2. SUB. + YABAI